

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 4 and 7 as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are struck through. Claim 6 and 13 are canceled.

1 (currently amended): A formed mat which is thermoformed so as to have a shape ~~following an inside of a room of an automobile and is fitted so as to follow the~~ a floor inside of the room ~~an automobile~~, the formed mat comprises:

a felt layer;

a thermoplastic resin sheet;

an elastic non-woven body which is 3.0mm or more in thickness, 300g/m² or more in weight per unit area, and less than 0.20g/cm³ in density; and

a wear resistance surface layer integrally formed on a surface of the elastic non-woven body;

wherein the elastic non-woven body is layered on the thermoplastic resin sheet so that the wear resistance surface layer directs to the inside of the room of the automobile, and

~~the felt layer is layered under the thermoplastic resin sheet~~ is layered between the felt layer and the non-woven body.

wherein a recovery percentage in a folding test is conducted on the formed mat 70% or more, wherein the recovery percentage denotes a ratio of an open angle around a folding line at a time when the formed mat is supported at the folding line and is left alone after the formed mat is folded over by 180 degrees around a straight line so as to face portions of the thermoplastic resin sheet to each other, to an original 180 degrees..

2 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 1, wherein the elastic non-woven body is a needle punched non-woven body which has polyester fibers of 50 to 99 % by weight and polyester-based low melting point fibers of 1 to 50 % by weight, the polyester fibers having a fiber diameter of 3 to 15 dtx and a length of 40 to 120mm, and the polyester-based low melting point fibers having a fiber diameter of 3 to 12 dtx and a length of 40 to 90mm.

3 (currently amended): The formed mat according to claim 2, wherein the needle punched non-woven body contains, as the polyester fibers, two or more types of fibers having different fiber diameters.

4 (currently amended): The formed mat according to claim 2, wherein atthe surface layer having wear resistance is formed in the needle punched non-woven body.

5 (original): The formed mat according to claim 4, wherein fibers constituting the surface layer having wear resistance has a color tone different from that of fibers constituting other portions of the needle punched non-woven body, and a decorative pattern is formed by partially taking out the fibers constituting the other portions of the needle punched non-woven body onto a surface of the surface layer having wear resistance.

6 (canceled):

7 (currently amended): A formed mat thermoformed in a shape configured to be fitted inside a ~~room~~floor of an automobile, comprising:

a felt layer;

an elastic non-woven body for sound absorption having a thickness of 3.0 mm or more, a weight of 300 g/m² or more, and a density of less than 0.20 g/cm³;

a wear resistance surface layer integrally formed on ~~an upper~~one surface of the elastic non-woven body; and

a thermoplastic resin sheet for sound isolation which is formed between the other surface of elastic non-woven body which is opposite of the surface having the wear resistance layer integrally formed on and the felt layer, said thermoplastic resin sheet being thinner than the elastic non-woven body

wherein a recovery percentage of 70% or more of the formed mat as measured by a folding test in which a test piece of the formed mat is bent on a folding line until portions of the thermoplastic resin sheet touch each other, and an angle α formed at the folding line between the portions of the thermoplastic resin sheet is measured after releasing the bent test piece, wherein the recovery percentage is expressed as $\alpha/180^\circ \times 100$.

8 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 7, wherein the elastic non-woven body is needle punched and comprises:

50-99% by weight of polyester fibers having a fiber diameter of 3-15 dtx and a length of 40-120 mm; and

1-50% by weight of polyester-based low-melting point fibers having a fiber diameter of 3-12 dtx and a length of 40-90 mm.

9 (previously amended): The formed mat according to claim 8, wherein the non-woven body contains, as the polyester fibers, two or more types of fibers having different fiber diameters.

10 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 8, wherein the non-woven body further comprises a surface layer having wear resistance.

11 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 10, wherein the surface layer is constituted by fibers having a color tone different from that of fibers constituting other portions of the non-woven body, and a decorative pattern is formed on a surface of the surface layer by partially taking out the fibers constituting the other portions of the non-woven body onto the surface of the surface layer.

12 (previously presented): The formed mat according to claim 7, further comprising a felt layer layered underneath the thermoplastic resin sheet.

13 (canceled):